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1. Location.

The so-called Hunting Cartridge Factory (Vadásztölgygyár) in Szekesfehervár (Q48/Z00) is situated at the fork of the Szekesfehervar-Lovasbereny road and the road leading to Kisfalud. Plant area is 600 x 700 meters.

2. History.

The factory is part of the same concern which includes the ammunition plants at Mosonmagyaróvár and Nagytétény. The factory was rebuilt after having been destroyed during the war. The plant was reopened in 1951; expansion work is still going on. Investments up to 1952 amounted to 1,600,000 forints; up to 1953 these totaled 2,900,000 forints.

3. Workers.

The firm employs 1,200 workers.. Half are skilled, 30 percent are semi-skilled, and 20 percent are unskilled workers. 55 percent of the working force are women. The plant operates in two shifts, as follows: 0700 to 1500 and 1500 to 2300. The chemical division works nights as well.

4. Sources of Raw Material.

- a. The factory receives its explosives from the Nitrokémia (plant in Füzfő). Three to four trucks of 5 tons each arrive daily.
- b. Paper and cellulose are delivered in increasing amounts from the cellulose factory in Szolnok; some deliveries are also made by the Nemenyi paper factory in Csepel.
- c. Chemical products are received in part from Borsodnadasd and partially also from the chemical division of the former Hungaria Steel Works in Budapest.

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Stocks of raw materials are sufficient for a fortnight's production.

- d. Electric power is supplied over a high-tension line from Szekesfehervar. Work is now progressing on the laying of an underground high-tension cable. The overhead line runs along the road to Lovasbereny.

5. Production.

- a. Truck chassis for the automotive factory at Csepel.
 - b. Textile spindles for domestic use.
 - c. Hunting cartridges with shot and ball filling. Up to the end of 1952 these were primarily destined for export to the USSR. In 1953 production emphasis was for domestic consumption, although a portion was still exported.
 - d. Blasting charges for use in mines; emphasis was on domestic use, although a portion was exported to Czechoslovakia.
 - e. Artillery shells are produced in building No. 32. Monthly production: 4,000 units of 152 mm. shells, 60,000 122 mm. shells, and 20,000 76.2 mm. shells. The majority of this output is destined for the so-called "Africa Factory" at Diósgyör; some is for the munitions plant at Jobbágyp; while a small quantity, mostly 76.2 mm. shells, is shipped to the factory in Felnémet.
 - f. Signal rockets are produced in building No. 13--3,000 units per month; delivery to the Hungarian Army. A portion is also sent to Rumania and Bulgaria.
 - g. Explosives for hand grenades.
 - h. Sapping percussion caps.
1. English fuses
 2. Explosives for the laying of mine fields
 3. Mine explosives
 4. Explosive filler
 5. "Tr.I-II and Tr.I-III" explosives.

This production is carried on in buildings 7, 8, and 25.

Legend to the enclosed sketch of the Hunting Cartridge Factory at Szekesfehervar.

1. Laboratory, 30 x 15 m., one-story building.
2. Chemical materials storage, 15 x 15 m., one-story building.
3. Barracks for military personnel and plant guards, 20 x 18 m., two-story building.
4. Factory building, 20 x 15 m., one-story building.
5. Chemicals warehouse, 20 x 15 m., one-story building.
6. Casings factory, 60 x 35 m., one-story building.

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7. Storage place, 20 x 15 m., one-story building.
8. Factory building, 20 x 15 m., one-story building.
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10. Iron and metals storage place, 20 x 15 m., one-story building.
11. Factory building, 50 x 35 m., one-story building.
12. Acid-storage place, 40 x 15 m., one-story building.
13. Chemical plant, 60 x 20 m., two-story building.
14. Metals drawing plant, two-story building still under construction.
15. Armoring shop, 15 x 15 m.
16. Semi-finished goods storage, 20 x 15 m.
17. Oil and gasoline storage, 30 x 8 m.
18. Inner gate and watchmen, offices, 20 x 15 m.
19. Offices, 25 x 20 m., two-story building.
20. Garage.
21. Gate and gate keeper's house.
22. Textile plant, 30 x 15 m.
23. Furniture and finished goods storage, 30 x 15 m.
24. Storage place, 30 x 15 m.
25. Automatic machine plant, 30 x 15 m.
26. Automobile chassis plant, 30 x 10 m.
27. Hunting cartridge plant, one-story building.
28. Chemical plant, 10 x 8 m.
29. Unknown.
30. Stables (or garage).
31. Factory housing.
32. Blacksmith shop and work shop for artillery shell casings, 30 x 15 m.
33. Iron and metal products storage.
34. Boiler house, 25 x 25 m.

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- 35. Recreation hall.
- 36. Bicycle parking.
- 36a. Shop equipped with a number of automatic machines.
- 36b. Galvanizing shop.
- 36c. Scrap-collecting place.
- 36d. Storage for semi-finished goods.
- 36e. Storage for machine repair parts.
- 36f. Electrical assembly shop.
- 36g. Laundry.
- 36h. Kitchens, dining hall, etc.
- 37. Underground shelter.
- 38. Central transformer station.

Sketch of
Hunting Cartridge Factory
in Szekesfehervar

